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The Honorable Michael Powell
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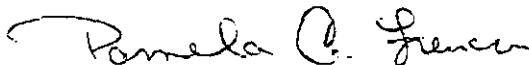
Dear Chairman Powell:

The cost of prepaid calling cards could soar by 15 percent or more if you designate prepaid telephone cards as basic calling vehicles instead of information or enhanced service vehicles. That's bad news for consumers, most especially military personnel.

Calling cards have quickly become a popular option for military men and women. With low per minute costs and the absence of monthly fees, they are affordable and easily accessible at military exchanges and various retailers. They are also the very lifeline for military families who wait to hear from loved ones who have been deployed and may be in harms way.

The FCC should not eliminate an affordable option for military personnel simply to subsidize some of America's richest corporations. There is no sacrifice that should not be made by Americans or American corporations for the men and women in service.

Sincerely,



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